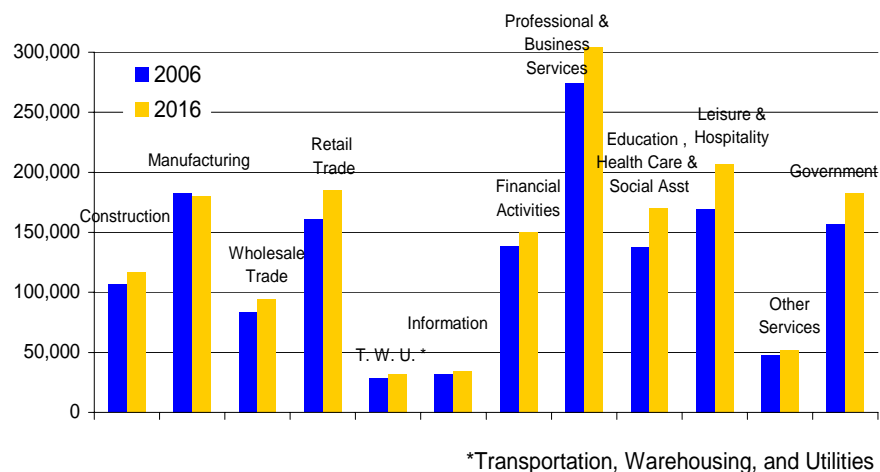


2006 – 2016 Orange County Projection Highlights

Industry projections forecast total employment to reach almost 1.9 million in Orange County by 2016. Total employment includes Self-Employment, Unpaid Family Workers, Private Household workers, Farm, and Nonfarm employment. This increase represents a gain of 224,600 jobs for a growth rate of just over 1.3 percent annually. This rate is slightly below the growth rate for California as a whole which is estimated at about 1.5 percent annually for the same forecast period.

Orange County constitutes about 10 percent of California's total nonfarm employment and will contribute about 9 percent of the state's new nonfarm jobs during this period. Professional and Business Services, Leisure and Hospitality, and Education, Health Care and Social Assistance industry sectors will generate over half of these new jobs. Government and Retail Trade will add a combined total of nearly 50,000 new jobs.

2006-2016 Industry Sector Employment Levels



The single fastest growing nonfarm industry sector, based on the annual average percentage growth rate, is Education, Health Care and Social Assistance with a rate of just over 2.3 percent per year. Average annual growth rates in Leisure and Hospitality (2.2 percent), Professional and Business Services (1.9 percent), Government (1.6 percent), and Retail Trade (1.5 percent) will exceed the 1.4 percent annual growth rate for nonfarm employment in the county.

Occupational projections for the period 2006 to 2016 forecast:

- Approximately 224,600 new jobs from industry growth,
- About 373,500 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of nearly 598,100 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings are forecasted to generate about 322,000 total job openings, which is about 54 percent of all job openings in Orange County. The top three occupations are Retail Salespersons, Waiters and Waitresses, and Cashiers. These occupations pay \$8.00-\$10.00 per hour and require short-term on-the-job training. Occupations requiring short to moderate on-the-job training make up 72 percent of the list. Higher-skilled occupations, requiring an associate degree or higher, include Lawyers, General and Operations Managers, Secondary School Teachers, Registered Nurses, and Computer Software Engineers.

The 50 fastest growing occupations anticipate an annual growth rate of 2.5 percent or higher. As a result of the fast growing education and science sectors, over half of these occupations require a Bachelor's degree or higher. Occupations in the Education, Computer, and Healthcare fields also pay higher wages. The fastest growing occupations in these categories are Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts, Computer Software Engineers, Veterinarians, Medical Scientists, Dental Hygienists, Physical Therapists, and Teachers.

Average Annual Total Job Openings by Education and Training Level

